

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 487 - SB 572

March 17, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that a parent who is spending intervals of time with a child and desires to relocate more than 100 miles from a grandparent of the child notify the grandparent if the relocating parent has a history of drug abuse, violence, child abuse or neglect as determined by the court and the child has a significant existing relationship including, but not limited to, the child resided with the grandparent for at least six consecutive months; the grandparent was a full-time caretaker of the child for a period of not less than six consecutive months; or the grandparent had frequent visitation with the child for a period of not less than one year. The grandparent may petition a court opposing the relocation. The court is authorized to grant custody of the child to the grandparent after taking into account the required statutory considerations if the parent elects to relocate.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, any increase in filed petitions will not significantly affect caseloads and can be accommodated within existing judicial resources.
- According to the Department of Children's Services, the bill will not affect programs or operations of the Department. The fiscal impact of the bill on the Department will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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